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SUBJECT: GARRISON DIVERSION

1. JANUARY 17 WINNIPEG FREE PRESS PUBLISHED ARTICLE BY PAUL WHITELAW DATED WASHINGTON ENTITLED "A SLANTED IMPARTIAL REPORT - IMPACT OF THE GARRISON PROJECT." AFTER SUMMARIZING CURRENT STATUS OF PROJECT AND US-CANADIAN EXCHANGES, ARTICLE DISCUSSES GARRISON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WHICH IT CHARACTERIZES AS "CLEARLY INACCURATE." HOWEVER, IT NOTES THAT "AN INTERNATIONAL TASK FORCE COMPRISED OF US AND CANADIAN OFFICIALS HAS BEEN SELECTED TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND A WORKABLE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF RETURN-FLOW POLLUTION. THE DOCUMENT REFERS TO THIS TASK FORCE AT LEAST TWICE, ALTHOUGH IT WAS DISSOLVED LAST SUMMER WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR NO COMPROMISE COULD BE REACHED. EXPLAINING WHY THE WORK OF THE TASK FORCE HAD ENDED, A CANADIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL LATER TOLD THIS CORRESPONDENT: 'WE WERE MOVING IN TWO TOTALLY DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS. THE AMERICANS WANTED TO NEGOTIATE WITH US ON WHAT WE COULD REQUIRE TO COMPENSATE FOR DAMAGE TO OUR RIVERS. WE WANTED TO TALK TO THEM ABOUT CHANGING THE PLANS FOR THE GARRISON PROJECT SO THAT CANADIAN RIVERS

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WOULD NOT BE POLLUTED."

2. ARTICLE THEN DISCUSSES ALTERNATIVES FOR RESOLVING PROBLEM AND STATES "NONE OF THESE ALTERNATIVES IS PARTICULARLY ATTRACTIVE EITHER FOR CANADA OR AMERICAN LEGISLATORS AND TAXPAYERS... THE SUGGESTION THAT TREATMENT PLANS COULD PURIFY WATER FOR SPECIFIC MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES WOULD BE CLEARLY UNACCEPTABLE TO CANADA. SIMPLY STATED, WHY WOULD CANADA ALLOW THE US TO POLLUTE TWO OF ITS RIVERS IN RETURN FOR SOME ASSISTANCE IN BUILDING TREATMENT PLANTS?"

3. WHITEHEAD THEN CONCLUDES "THE NET RESULT IS AN IMPARTIAL IMPACT STATEMENT WHICH SOUNDS TO ME REMARKABLY PARTIAL IN ITS OVER-ALL TONE. CLEARLY, IT IS NOW UP TO CANADIAN OFFICIALS FORCEFULLY TO STATE THEIR POSITION AMONG THOSE WHO MAY BE INFLUENCED BY THE IMPACT STATEMENT IN THIS AMERICAN CAPITAL."

4. FEBRUARY 15 GLOBE AND MAIL CARRIES CP ITEM DATED WASHINGTON ENTITLED "KEEP FIGHTING IRRIGATION PLAN, CANADA URGED". ARTICLE SAYS THAT "A US ENVIRONMENTALIST URGED THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY NOT TO RELAX ITS OPPOSITION TO A NORTH DAKOTA IRRIGATION PROJECT, SAYING THE US IS STALLING WHILE PUSHING AHEAD WITH THE SCHEME".

5. ARTICLE QUOTES BRENT BLACKWELDER OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY CENTER AS SAYING "IN ITS OWN WAY US IS JUST LOADING THE GUN POINTING AT CANADA WHILE SAYING 'DON'T WORRY, WE ARE NOT FIRING IT...' THEY WANT TO DELAY THIS THING UNTIL THEY REACH A POINT OF NO RETURN... THEN THEY WILL GO TO CONGRESS AND TELL THEM THAT THEY WOULDN'T WANT TO LOSE ALL THE MONEY THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN SUNK INTO GARRISON SO THEY SHOULD KEEP SPENDING IT". ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY REPORTING THE US REPLY TO CANADA THAT IT WOULD LIVE UP TO ITS TREATY OBLIGATIONS IN ANY FUTURE WORK.
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